



# **Rebuild Iowa Office**

## **2010 Legislative Agenda**

### **Rebuild Iowa Coordinating Council Meeting 10-13-09**

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# Review of 12 RIAC Recommendations

Recommendation #1 - Iowa will provide support to individuals and families seeking assistance in rebuilding.

Recommendation #2 - State and local governments should prioritize availability and affordability of adequate, affordable housing

Recommendation #3 - The state should provide incentives for Iowa's small businesses, microenterprises, and non-profits for restoration and rebuilding of their businesses from this disaster and future major disasters.

Recommendation #4 - The state should lead in planning, establishing expectations statewide, and securing funding for infrastructure repair, rebuilding, and/or construction.



## Review of 12 RIAC Recommendations

Recommendation #5 - The state should identify, create, and sustain funding options and provide flexibility for local and state governments to assist in rebuilding an even better Iowa.

Recommendation #6 - The state must invest in local emergency management agencies to achieve the baseline capacity needed to keep Iowa safer from future disasters.

Recommendation #7 - The state should ensure policy and programs that sustain community identity, quality of life, and cultural heritage.

Recommendation #8 - The state will lead in developing guidance for and support for integrated, regional planning to address recovery and leverage multi-jurisdictional strengths for ongoing initiatives.



## Review of 12 RIAC Recommendations

Recommendation #9 - The state will move state policy forward and lead regional and local discussion on flood plain and watershed management.

Recommendation #10 - The state will complete flood plain mapping for the entire state using state-of-the-art technology, implementing the mapping process as expeditiously as is reasonable and practical.

Recommendation #11 - The state must formalize the Rebuild Iowa Office and associated responsibilities related to the 2008 Disaster recovery.

Recommendation #12 - All involved agencies, governments, and interested parties should support communications and outreach initiatives to educate and support lowans as they recover and plan for future disasters.

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## NEW Rebuild Iowa Office Proposals

1. Smart Planning – RIO Green Paper
2. Institutionalizing Case Management

Recommendations with potential to result in legislation:

1. HF705 – Weather Safe Rooms
2. HF756 – Flood Plain Management
3. HF759 – Flood Insurance Procurement

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## Smart Planning:

- Iowa currently has planning efforts through COGs and local governments
- A greater level of integrated, comprehensive planning in Iowa would contribute to:
  - Better land use decisions
  - More protected development
  - Mechanisms for coordinating concerns of multiple jurisdictions

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## Smart Planning:

- RIAC called on the State to “lead in developing guidance and support for integrated, regional planning to address recovery and leverage multi-jurisdictional strengths for ongoing initiatives” (Recommendation #8).
  - Also called for local comprehensive planning and establishing a state resource devoted to integrating program and planning functions.
  - RIO’s Proposal answers this call and integrates concepts described in the 120-Day report.



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## Smart Planning Component #1:

### Adopt Iowa Smart Planning Principles

- Iowa shall protect, maintain, and wisely utilize its built and natural environment by incorporating Smart Planning Principles in development and resource management decisions.
- These Principles shall guide development and coordination of State policies, programs, and investment decisions to ensure Iowa grows in a manner that
  - improves resilience in the face of natural disasters,
  - grows and adapts our economy,
  - protects our natural resources, and
  - safeguards our quality of life.



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## **Proposed Iowa Smart Planning Principles**

1. Stakeholder, Community & Regional Collaboration in Development Decisions
2. Advance Equity: Predictable, Fair & Cost Effective Development Decisions
3. Promote Clean Energy Production & Increased Energy Efficiency
4. Increase Diversity of Job & Business Opportunities
5. Concentrate Development & Mix Land Uses
6. Expand Diversity in Housing Opportunities & Choices
7. Foster Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
8. Protect, Preserve & Wisely Utilize Natural Resources & Working Lands
9. Incorporate Green Building & Infrastructure Design
10. Provide for a Variety of Transportation Choices

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## Smart Planning Component #2:

### Adopt Local Comprehensive Planning Guidance

- Outline definition and basic components of a local comprehensive plan
- Allow communities to go above and beyond
- Coordinate with flood plain management recommendations

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## Smart Planning Component #3:

### State Smart Planning Taskforce

- Taskforce will recommend a structure for greater coordination of statewide planning and State assistance needed to support local comprehensive planning, including integration of smart planning concepts.
  - Smart Planning Goals and measurements
  - Integrate Smart Planning Principles into all appropriate programs
  - Develop State planning and coordination structure

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## Case Management:

*Definition from the Council on Accreditation:*

- *Case Management services plan, secure, coordinate, monitor, and advocate for unified goals and services with organizations and personnel in partnership with individuals and families.*
- *Disaster Recovery Case Management services include practices that are unique to delivery of services in the aftermath of emergencies and major incidents. These services are delivered under difficult environmental conditions that typically result in loss of infrastructure, disruption of operations, and special challenges for communication, record keeping, coordination, and efficiency.*
- *Distinct service delivery challenges are associated with an influx and simultaneous deployment of local, regional, state and, in a declared disaster area, federal assistance. Services may be delivered within, or separate from, a multi-service organization.*

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## Case Management:

- Creation of a **statewide program** utilizing a consortium of affiliate organizations that communicate, collaborate, coordinate, and cooperate in their efforts to provide high quality disaster recovery case management services.
- Creation of a **disaster recovery case management committee** that will develop standards, provide guidance, determine triggers to “turn on” and “turn off” services after a disaster event. To coordinate with federal, state, and local partners to ensure high quality case management services are made available to individuals affected by disaster in the state of Iowa.

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## Case Management:

- Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council – brings together faith-based, voluntary and government organizations active in disaster services.
- Data reporting and management of record keeping using the Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN). This collaboration creates a single point of case data that provides local organizations with the information needed to best serve those in need.

# Legislature-Requested Recommendations



## **Safe room best practices (HF705) - due 12/15/09**

“The State Building Code Commissioner, in cooperation with the Department of Public Defense, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Rebuild Iowa Office, shall review and assess best practices in the design, construction, and maintenance of buildings, safe rooms, and storm shelters to reduce the risk of personal injury from tornadoes and other severe weather”

– DPS, RIO, DNR, HSEMD, DAS, DHS

# Legislature-Requested Recommendations



## **Flood plain management (HF756) – due 11/15/09**

“The council shall develop recommendations for policies and funding promoting a watershed management approach to reduce the adverse impact of future flooding on this state's residents, businesses, communities, and soil and water quality.”

- Water Resources Coordinating Council
  - Subcommittee and Work Groups formed
  - 48 Recommendations – will be narrowed and prioritized
  - Public Input



# Legislature-Requested Recommendations



## **Flood insurance incentives (HF759) – due 11/15/09**

“The commissioner of insurance, in collaboration with the rebuild iowa office and the homeland security and emergency management division of the iowa department of public defense, shall develop recommendations on policies and incentives to expand the availability and procurement of flood insurance in the state.”

– IID, RIO, HSEMD, DNR

# Q & A

